

condition for allowance and/or whether the issues on appeal are simplified. MPEP §714.13. Applicants believe that the amendment has not been given sufficient consideration. Reconsideration in light of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested.



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CONCLUSION

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In view of the amendments previously made and the remarks made above, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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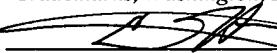
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